



## Charles "Michael" Bussell

August 16, 1957 - March 1, 2022

Charles Michael Bussell, affectionately known by "Michael" or "Mike," passed away on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at the age of 64. He was born on August 16, 1957 to parents Charles and Maxine Bussell in Tallahassee, Florida where he would spend the majority of his life.

Michael earned his Masters in Religious Studies from Florida State University and was the Registrar at Tallahassee Community College for 15 years. True to his passion for higher education, Michael later earned the title of Executive Director for the Department of Higher Education Technology within the Florida Colleges system.

In addition to his passion for education, Michael was a walking history book. He spent the majority of his free time reading. He enjoyed singing and is remembered by many for his voice. Michael was a man of strong faith – he fulfilled the role of a substitute pastor at numerous churches, most often at Grace Lutheran. More than anything, Michael loved his family and treated everyone else like they were family, too.

Survivors include his loving wife, Debra "Debi" Bussell; children Meghan Bussell Artman (Kristin) and Erin Bussell; grandchildren Aidan, Max, Payton, and Charlie; brother Gary Bussell (Maureen) and last but not least, his beloved dachshunds Topper and Gibbs. Michael is now reunited with his

parents, Charles and Maxine Bussell, who preceded him in 2020.

A graveside service will be held at Tallahassee Memory Gardens on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Bussell family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com))

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

ME

“ Mike & I were classmates in school from Kate Sullivan elementary, Cobb Jr High and thru senior year at Leon High. In every class, Mike was always one of the smartest students there. I remember his sense of humor and his good will toward others. Tho I hadn't seen him in many years, I have fond memories of Mike. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

mark Edenfield - March 10, 2022 at 06:30 PM

DW

Debbie call me please 8508795019mrsDollie

Dollie Williams - June 20, 2022 at 04:00 PM

DW

So sorry just got on Facebook Thinking 🤔 you and Mike

Dollie Williams - June 20, 2022 at 04:01 PM

LP

“ Mike was a great friend and mentor over the years. Mike would always stop in at the office to say hello, but you always knew when he had something to convey that was important or was bothering him. He would come fully into your office, lower his voice an octave or two and share words of wisdom and advice on how to maneuver politically through the tangled web of organizational chaos. Mike cared about his team, his friends and his family. You always felt like you were at home with a friend when sharing time with Mike. I will miss Mike and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Liz Perrone - March 10, 2022 at 05:55 PM

JD

“ Mike (Winston - As Kay Tatum referred to Mike back in the old days of developing Integrow) was a brilliant man and he had a great sense of humor. He was a walking encyclopedia of knowledge - He would have given Ken Jennings a run for his money on Jeopardy! Mike left a mark on everyone he met and he will be missed by all. Prayers and loving thoughts for his family.

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**Jennifer Day** - March 08, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ Mike will be missed dearly. Mike & Debbie were by far the best neighbors we have ever had. They treated us like we were part of their family. The kindness they showed to my children will never be forgotten. Every time Steven looks at his “David” statue he will think of Mike because that is who gave it to him. Mike may you rejoice in the Heavens above with your parents. RIP until we meet again.

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**Jessica Smith** - March 07, 2022 at 05:40 PM

EL

“ Mike will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. Kind, knowledgeable, respectful, a great man! Our thoughts and love are with Debi, the girls, grandkids and all his loved ones. Esther and Beny

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**Esther Lozano** - March 07, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ We have such fond memories of Michael and the whole Bussell family, including camping in our StarCraft pop up campers all over the western US. Michael was so well-read and knew about so many things even a very young age. As young girls, my sister and I saw him as a big brother. Please know that the Morgan family loves you all very much and will hold you in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time.

*Love Carolyn, Carol Jean, and Susan*

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**Susan Morgan-Smith** - March 06, 2022 at 08:09 AM

DB

*Thank U from the Bottom of My Heart!*

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**Debi Bussell** - March 06, 2022 at 03:29 PM

AL

“ So sorry to hear. Thoughts go out to Debi and family. He had a heart of gold and a laugh that could light up a room .....

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**Alfrid** - March 04, 2022 at 10:39 AM

EB

“ The first man I ever met was the best man I have ever met. He was there when I took my first breath and I was there when he took his last. My Dad was the definition of love. He loved his family and friends immensely. His smile was one of a kind and his laugh came from his soul. He viewed the world with optimism and grace. The kind of soul that would help anyone he could in anyway possible. He will be gratefully missed by all who knew him and you best believe that his presence made an impression that stuck with you. He was the smartest man I've ever known and he loved to read, he loved to learn. My Dad was a natural born leader and teacher with a talent for bringing out the very best in those around him. Daddy, we have all been blessed to have a soul like you in our lives. The kind of soul that brings peace, love, comfort, security and positive energy. Daddy, you took the sorrows and burdens of others, carried them for them to lighten their load and you did this without hesitation. It's time for us to carry you now. Daddy I will carry your spirit, I will carry your smile, I will carry your optimistic view of life and love. Daddy you will never not be with me and I promise to still speak and share with you often. Daddy you are no longer suffering and you are at peace. May your loving energy continue to guide us Daddy. Rest in peace now you are home.



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Erin Bussell - March 04, 2022 at 08:54 AM



*This is beautiful Erin and spot on. Struggling to type this through tears. He was also a great brother and we will also miss him terribly. We love you Erin. Gary and Mo*

**Gary Bussell** - March 04, 2022 at 01:00 PM

MA

“ Dad ❤️



**Meghan Bussell Artman** - March 03, 2022 at 01:06 PM

VH

*Condolences 🌺 on the loss of your dad. May he RIP. Sending love and prayers to you and your family . Valerie x*

**Valerie Hughes** - March 07, 2022 at 09:38 AM



“ *I had the great pleasure of working with Mike for over 20 years, and it was indeed a pleasure. He was a mentor and friend. It's so sad to hear of his passing. Thinking of Debi and his extended family at this time.*

**Ian Peterson** - March 02, 2022 at 05:35 PM

KP

“ I grew up with Mike and Debi, and his brother Gary. I was a bridesmaid in their wedding. Always thought they were the best, and their families too.

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**Karen Power** - March 02, 2022 at 05:25 PM

AN

“ What an amazing light and spirit Mike was. He was a great mentor and friend to me, and one of the kindest souls I've ever met. I am lifting the family up in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Annaleah** - March 02, 2022 at 03:59 PM

GH

“ Sending my deepest condolence to the family with my love Gladys Hill 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏💜💜

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**Gladys Hill** - March 02, 2022 at 03:45 PM